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| <b>COMBINED AMENDMENT &amp; PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)</b>  |   |   |                                |                               | Docket No.<br><b>17324</b>      |  |
| In Re Application Of: <b>Tomohisa Sakurai</b>  |   |   |                                |                               |                                 |  |
| Application No.<br><b>10/743,224</b>   | Filing Date<br><b>December 22, 2003</b> | Examiner<br><b>Henry M. Johnson III</b> | Customer No.<br><b>23389</b>   | Group Art Unit<br><b>3739</b> | Confirmation No.<br><b>7638</b> |  |
| Invention: <b>SURGICAL OPERATION APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD THEREOF</b>  |   |   |                                |                               |                                 |  |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></p> <p>This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>May 1, 2006</u> in the above-identified application.<br/><span style="margin-left: 150px;"><i>Date</i></span></p> <p>The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):</p> <p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month                  <input type="checkbox"/> Two months                  <input type="checkbox"/> Three months                  <input type="checkbox"/> Four months                  <input type="checkbox"/> Five months         </p> <p>             from: <u>August 1, 2006</u>      until: <u>September 1, 2006</u><br/> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span>      <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span> </p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:</p> |   |   |                                |                               |                                 |  |
| <b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>   |   |   |                                |                               |                                 |  |
|  | CLAIMS REMAINING<br>AFTER AMENDMENT     | HIGHEST #<br>PREV. PAID FOR             | NUMBER EXTRA<br>CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE                          | ADDITIONAL<br>FEE               |  |
| TOTAL CLAIMS   | 21    -                                 | 26    =                                 | 0                              | x    \$50.00                  | \$0.00                          |  |
| INDEP. CLAIMS  | 2    -                                  | 3    =                                  | 0                              | x    \$200.00                 | \$0.00                          |  |
| <b>FEE FOR AMENDMENT</b>   |   |   |                                |                               | <b>\$0.00</b>                   |  |
| <b>FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME</b>   |   |   |                                |                               | <b>\$120.00</b>                 |  |
| <b>TOTAL FEE FOR AMENDMENT AND EXTENSION OF TIME</b>   |   |   |                                |                               | <b>\$120.00</b>                 |  |
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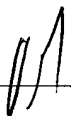
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The fee for the amendment and extension of time is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$120.00** for the amendment and extension of time is enclosed.
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- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. **19-1013/SSMP**.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

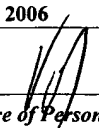
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